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COMING SOON...A SPECIAL PUBLICATION... FSS ENERGY EFFICIENT PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

The release date for this publication has been targeted for the month of **October 2000**, which is **Energy Awareness Month**. Our intent is to provide you—our customer—with a comprehensive publication that you can use to assist your agency's effort in meeting its energy reduction goal. This publication will contain an array of energy and water efficient products and services that are made available through the FSS Schedules Program. Whether an agency official is purchasing energy efficient equipment, having a building audited, purchasing utilities, checking for billing errors or doing a major upgrade, they can use this publication as an energy management reference guide to making their procurement easier.

On June 3, 1999, President Clinton signed into law **Executive Order 13123** entitled, "**Greening the Government Through Efficient Energy Management**," revoking Executive Orders 12902 and 12759. The new order strengthens the Federal Government's efforts to pursue energy cost savings by reducing energy use 35 percent below 1985 levels by the year 2010. The President expects to reach the energy reduction goal by implementing energy management practices in public facilities—the largest single source for energy consumption in the Federal Government. Specifically, this order outlines energy management strategies for building design, construction, and operations.

In addition, this Executive order directs agencies to invest their dollars in products and services that lower energy and water consumption. Federal agencies must purchase Energy Star labeled products and other energy efficient products, where life-cycle cost effective. If Energy Star products are not available, products in the upper 25 percent of energy efficiency should be selected. In recent years, the Department of Energy's Federal Energy Management Program (DOE/FEMP) has issued a series of Product Energy Efficiency Recommendations that identify the minimum energy efficiency levels that correspond with the upper 25 percentile for certain product categories.

This publication contains an expanded and more detailed representation of the energy related information found in our popular Environmental Products and Services Guide (EPSG). This information will be incorporated into the next edition of the EPSG.

We encourage you to visit our Environmental Programs web site, listed below, to learn about what we are doing to contribute to the procurement of energy efficient and other environmental products and services in the Federal Government. Also, visit both the EPA and DOE web sites, listed below, to review the list of products that are covered by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Energy Star Program and the DOE/FEMP Product Energy Efficiency Recommendations.

GSA/FSS Environmental Programs

www.fss.gsa.gov/environ

EPA Energy Star Program

www.epa.gov/energystar

DOE/FEMP Product Energy Efficiency Recommendations

www.eren.doe.gov/femp/procurement/begin.html

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